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Portland Fish Notes.

It has been feared that the mackerel fishery was about done for this season, but such is evidently not the case, the little steamer, which being at Portland Sunday with 50 barrels of large fish, which she caught off Damaris Cove, and on which she will stock about \$1200. The bad weather of the past week has interfered with the movement of the craft searching for mackerel, keeping them in port, but it is hoped that with settled weather some good catches may be made this week.

Big Sharks Captured.

The trap fishermen at Sandwich caught two great blueback sharks in their traps Saturday, the largest of the kind that have ever been seen in those waters. The sharks were towed into the harbor, where they were viewed by the hundreds of residents and summer folk. The sharks likely were in pursuit of the schools of mackerel that have been in the bay off here. They did much damage to the traps.

Got 40,000 Pounds Cod on First Baiting

Sch. James W. Parker, which was at a Nova Scotia port a few days ago, had 40,000 pounds of salt cod, the result of her first baiting.

Squid at Labrador.

Advices here of recent date show that squid has struck in good shape on the Labrador coast and vessels there codfishing are doing well.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray.

The fares of sch. Harmony and Elk sold to the American Halibut Company at the same figures.

Shacking Stocks.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, stocked \$5540 as the result of her fresh and salt shacking trip to the eastward the crew sharing \$123.65 clear.

Sch. Vanessa, Capt. William Firth, stocked \$3000 on her fresh and salt shacking trip, the crew sharing \$62 clear.

Aged Captain Dead.

Capt. Courtland Clark, the last of the famous Jordan Cove fleet of fishing captains, is dead at Waterford, Conn., aged 90 years. He never smoked tobacco or drank alcoholic liquors. He wore his hair in long curls and had rings in his ears, and was rated enormously wealthy.

Buoys Extinguished.

Gas buoys Nos. 2 and 5, in Broad Sound, Boston harbor, are extinguished. No. 2 marks the 14-foot lump and No. 5 is at Devil's Back. The lighthouse board has been notified, and will take steps to relight the buoys immediately.

Shacker Seen.

Capt. George Hodson of sch. Benjamin A. Smith reports sighting a shacker which he took to be sch. Lucania on the Middle Ground, a few days ago.

Squid at Burgeo, N. F.

Reports from Burgeo, N. F., recently are to the effect that there is squid there but the fish do not seem to jig well.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James W. Parker was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.

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SCH. TACOMA HAD PERILOUS TRIP.

Ice Balked Efforts to Secure Early Supply of Bait.

Also Bothered Crew While Fishing at Davis Strait.

After bucking ice fields and dodging icebergs in the far northern latitudes of Davis strait, in an attempt to secure a trip of flitched halibut sch. Tacoma, Capt. Joseph Bonia, arrived home here yesterday, with only a small catch to show for all the danger through which captain and crew had gone and all the hard work they had done in their efforts to catch a trip of fish.

Generally speaking, the Tacoma has been "up against it" from the very start of the voyage, and when Capt. Bonia, who knows the northern fishing waters as he knows Bay of Islands, says that never before did he encounter such adverse conditions and had a chance for only eight sets in all the time the craft has been gone, it can be imagined what the conditions were up "on the Labrador" this past season. Never before, says Capt. Bonia, has he seen so much field ice, or seen it hang on so long on the fishing ground.

Vessel Driven Ashore in Straits of Canso and Floated.

The vessel left here May 12 and early in the voyage was driven ashore in the straits of Canso. This obliged hauling out to Port Hawkesbury, C. B., for repairs and by the time these were completed the chances of securing a big baiting at Anticosti and any fishing in that vicinity were gone by. There was nothing to do then but start for Davis strait. The craft was balking for a long time by ice, in getting through the Straits of Belle Isle.

When she did get a chance to go through, a few barrels of herring for bait were secured and arriving on the fishing grounds there was so much ice as to make fishing a useless and almost impossible proposition. The Arctic current was bringing down vast fields of ice, which seemed boundless, and they were sweeping right over the fishing ground. To anchor on the ground meant loss of cable and to attempt to fish meant loss of gear and perhaps lives.

Late in Summer Before Fishing Commenced.

It was July before the craft got through the Straits of Belle Isle and

later when she got fishing. Even at the best of it, chances had to be taken in order to get a set. The icebergs were not so much bother, for Capt. Bonia says they were unusually scarce, but the field ice was heavy and hung on late.

He spoke sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Fred Upshall, and together they tried on the very spot where, in latitude 56.42, the latter found such unusually big fishing last season, but this year there was not a fish to be had on the spot. They were sure they were on the right ground, for on one set Capt. Bonia's men hauled up some of the trawl gear which Capt. Upshall's crew had lost while fishing there last season.

Saw Gigantic Iceberg Aground in 125 Fathoms of Water.

On this spot, in 125 fathoms of water they saw what Capt. Bonia calls an unusual sight—a gigantic iceberg aground in 125 fathoms of water. It was there when Capt. Upshall came on the ground and was still grounded when the Tacoma started for home.

After trying that spot, Capt. Bonia drove the Tacoma northward and up off Cape Mugford, 90 miles from land, and in latitude 57.40 found a few fish, but the ice fields continued to bother and there was lots of bad weather. Conditions were so bad that in all he got but eight sets and was unable to do anything after August 15. On this piece of ground also Capt. Bonia found a big berg grounded. It was larger than the other berg seen resting on bottom on the other spot, and this one was hung up in fully 160 fathoms of water.

Sch. Maxine Elliott Had 40,000 Weight of Flitches.

The Tacoma parted company with the Maxine Elliott on August 15 and at that time the latter had between 40,000 and 50,000 pounds of flitched halibut.

It was while fishing off Cape Mugford that Garrett O'Reilly and Dave Higgins, two of her crew, got astray and succeeded in reaching land in safety, as previously reported at length in the Times. When the craft arrived here the men were here to greet her, having arrived a day or so ahead of her and the half mast flag was soon hauled down.

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Stray Fisherman Picked Up.

On board sch. Fannie Belle Atwood when she arrived at T wharf yesterday was Levi Muse, one of the crew of the T wharf schooner Mary E. Silveira, who got lost in the fog, drifted about 24 hours and was finally picked up by the Atwood Monday morning, 80 miles southeast of the Highlands.

Portland Fish Notes.

The steamer Carrie and Mildred arrived at Portland Monday with 75 barrels of bluebacks, the first catch of any size reported for some days. Another fishing arrival reported was the little sch. Dixie, which came in with 100 large mackerel.

Inspected Nicholson Plant.

Capt. John Chisholm and Capt. Jerome McDonald have returned from a short respite from business trip, during which they visited Bucksport, Me., where they called upon Capt. T. M. Nicholson and inspected that gentleman's extensive fishing plant.

Change of Skippers.

Sch. Romance, which has been commanded this summer in the shack fishery by Capt. Antone Goularte, whose new craft was launched yesterday, will continue haddocking under another skipper.

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Fresh Fish Sale.

The fare of fresh fish of sch. Effie M. Prior sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Co.

Georges Halibut Stock.

Sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, stocked \$1600 as the result of her recent short Georges halibuting trip.

Abandons Swordfishing.

Sch. George H. Lubee has hauled out of swordfishing and Capt. Maurice Lubee will fit her for market fishing.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Margaret Dillon sold to Lufkin & Tarr at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Sch. Grampus in Port.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus is in port.

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SEVENTEEN CRAFT AT T WHARF.

HADDOCK IN SMALL RECEIPT AND MAKE SHARP ADVANCE IN PRICE.

Although there are seventeen fishing arrivals at T wharf this morning, the aggregate of fish is small. Of the whole lot, only six bring haddock and consequently this fish has taken a decided advance, selling freely this morning at \$2 and \$3 per hundred weight.

Cod, in comparison with recent dates, is in fair receipt and the price holds up well, sales being recorded at \$5.25 and \$6 for large and \$3 and \$3.50 for mediums. There is more hake in than is wanted and what was taken out for market brought \$1.50, while a few cusk sold at \$2.

Pollock is looking up. Some of the larger vessels are finding fair fishing on eastern Jefferies and the shore boats too are beginning to pick up paying catches. Seven of the pollock fleet are among the morning arrivals with fares of from 4500 to 16,000 pounds and they sold at \$2.25 and \$2.50.

There is only one small lot of mackerel, 130 fish in count, which steamer Quoddy had culled out from the 30 barrels of bluebacks she brought in, the latter going for bait.

Schs. Sadie M. Nunan, Gladys and Nellie and Ellen C. Burke have loads of hake and cusk and the latter also has 15,000 pounds of salt fish and all three are expected to take part of their trips to the splitters.

The steam trawler Ripple is among the morning arrivals with a catch aggregating 58,000 pounds, about all haddock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and receipts in detail are: Steamer Quoddy, 130 fresh mackerel, 30 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Valentina, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 cod, 60,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Flaviola, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 10,000 cod, 50,000 hake, 15,000 salt fish.

Sch. Jeanette, 40,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Hortense, 40,000 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 58,000 hake, 34,000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Hope, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Pearl, 4500 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 4000 pollock.

Steamer Ripple, 55,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 26,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

Vessels Spoken.

Capt. John McKay of sch. Preceptor reports speaking sch. Cavalier on Green bank a few days ago. The craft had come there from some other fishing ground and had taken no fish previous to coming there.

Capt. Albert Larkin of sch. Laverna reports speaking schs. Lucinda L. Lowell and Smuggler on Quere bank recently and also saw sch. Lottie G. Merchant, off Halifax, a few days ago.

Capt. Lawson of sch. Margaret Dillon reports speaking sch. Corona on LaHave bank recently.

Bait at Provincetown Scarce.

Word from Provincetown yesterday was to the effect that four of the Portuguese schooners are waiting in port there, held up by the weather and a scarcity of bait. One of the traps gave up 25 barrels of squid Monday, but this did little towards supplying the bait market.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Topsall Girl was at Portland yesterday with 10,000 pounds of halibut. Sch. Hattie L. Trask, one of the Georges handliners of this port, was also there with some halibut, the amount not being reported.

Halibut Fare Unsold.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Preceptor was unsold at noon. An offer for the trip had been made of 7 cents for white, 5 cents for small gray and 4 cents for large gray. Last sales were at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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MANY ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

VARIETY OF TRIPS ARRIVED HERE DURING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

There were quite a number of arrivals yesterday afternoon with various kinds of fish. During the night there was but one arrival, a craft down from Boston, with splitting fish.

Sch. Tacoma, which arrived from fished halibut just before noon yesterday, had 20,000 pounds of filches and sch. Margaret Dillon, which came along at the noon hour, brought 5000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of salt fish and 25,000 pounds of fresh fish, the result of a halibut trip to LaHave and the Cape Shore ground.

Steamer Mystery came in with 4500 fresh mackerel, seized off Thachers' island, and sch. Reliance had 900 mackerel and 55 barrels of bluebacks, the latter going readily for bait.

Sch. Arabia, another of the seining fleet, came in with 50 barrels of salt mackerel and the little sch. Massasoit brought 6000 pounds of fresh pollock to the market.

Later yesterday afternoon sch. Preceptor came in from a halibut trip to Green bank with a nice catch, Capt. McKay hauling for 30,000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt cod, which should mean a fine money return for the voyage.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, one of the fresh shakers from the eastward, was also an afternoon arrival, with 90,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish and a couple thousand weight of halibut, Capt. Prior and his crew report finding fish scarce and got most of their fish on the Cape Shore, making the last set off Liverpool.

The new sch. Laverna was still in the stream at 11.30. Capt. Albert Larkin, her owner, believes salt cod are about due for a raise and is trying to get it on this, his first fare in his new craft.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Tacoma, Labrador Coast, 20,000 lbs. fished halibut.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, Cape shore, 4000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arabia, shore, seining, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Preceptor, Green Bank, 38,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Cape Shore, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Steamer Mystery, shore, seining, 4500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Reliance, shore, seining, 900 fresh mackerel, 55 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Massasoit, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, (Monday) 50 bbls. bluebacks; (Tuesday) 15 bbls. porgies.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 80 bbls. porgies.

Sch. Monarch, via Boston.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Esperanto, shacking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, haddocking.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, haddocking.

Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Sch. Reliance, seining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$18 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5, medium, \$4.45, snappers, \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.87 1-2 medium, \$4.45.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.30 for large and \$3.80 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt., medium, \$2 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.40 per cwt. for large and \$2.00 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Hake, \$1.00.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.

Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.

Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.

Fresh small mackerel, 6 1-4 cts. each.

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GOOD FISHING ON GEORGES.

MARKET FISHERMEN LANDING BIG TRIPS AND MAKING GOOD STOCKS.

Recently some of the market fishermen have been finding fine fishing on the northern part of Georges and some big stocks have resulted.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, Capt. Antone Brown, was the first in from there, having a 90,000 pound trip at T wharf a few days ago, on which the fine stock of \$1900 was made.

On Monday, sch. Matthew S. Greer, Capt. DeCosta, was also in at Boston, also from the same locality, with a 90,000 pound trip and she too will have a nice stock sum coming to her.

The fish caught there are all haddock and cod and the vessels were not long gone.

FISHERMEN'S UNION.

Seventh Annual Convention Held at Halifax.

The seventh annual convention of the Fishermen's Union of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax recently. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Angus R. McDonald, Port Hood.

Vice president—Augustus Harris, Digby.

Secretary-Treasurer—Bernard Cummings, Port Joli, Queens.

Executive—A. D. McEachern, Craig More, Inverness; D Lewis, Little Harbor, Shelburne County; J Meagher, Canso, and Charles H. Thomas, Halifax.

The union was pleased to meet Mr. Found, superintendent of fisheries, from the department, Ottawa, whose attention was called to the following resolutions which had been adopted at the previous annual meetings of the union, viz:

Equal distribution of fishing bounties between boat and vessel fisherman.

Removal of duties from gasoline engines for fishermen's use.

International laws to prohibit beam trawlers from operating outside of 3 mile limit.

Better transportation regulations for shipping lobsters from Yarmouth to Boston by having cold storage and larger carrying capacity in steamers.

Better regulations for the preservation of berried or seed lobsters.

Legal size for sea-packed herring.

Standard measure of barrel for all kinds of fresh fish used for bait or other purposes.

Protest against proposed lobster regulations.

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CODFISH MAKES MARKED ADVANCE

Prices of Salt and Fresh Fish Given Substantial Boost.

Market Reported Strong With Upward Tendency.

The present state of the fish market, that is, so far as trips from the vessel are concerned, has assumed more than usual activity since Tuesday, this condition of affairs being due in no small measure to the arrival of two or three fares of fresh and salted codfish, which actually went "on the market," that is to say, their owners or the skippers of the craft were bound to sound things and get just what their fish were worth and give all the buyers an equal chance of bidding on the same. Several advances were the result.

Salt bank cod took a good substantial boost upward yesterday.

Close observers of the market have been feeling for some weeks past that a good fare of salt cod, put on the market and its owner fully intending to sell to the party paying the most money, would bring a raise over the last sales.

For quite a while the price has stood at \$4.25 for large and \$3.75 for mediums and recently five cents was added to each of these figures and here the prices stood when the new sch. Laverna, Capt. Albert Larkin, arrived Tuesday morning from her maiden trip, with 150,000 pounds of salt cod.

The captain soon made it apparent that the trip was really "on the market," and instead of hauling the craft in at any wharf, he let the vessel lie in the stream while he went around to the various firms and talked with the buyers and worked for an advance in price. He got it all right. A ten

cent raise all around was his first offer and with three firms bidding the price rose until at the last call yesterday afternoon, the best offer was \$4.60 for large and \$4.05 for mediums and at these figures the Cunningham & Thompson Company secured the fare.

Price on Salt and Fresh Cod Both Made an Advance.

It is evident that in spite of the drop at Newfoundland in the price of fare lots of salt cod that the Nova Scotia market for trips of bank fish is far from strong on present figures, the limit here on what fares of salt cod will bring when put on the market is not controlled by the conditions to the eastward of us, for yesterday saw a big advance on the trip of sch. Laverna and again today there has been an advance, although a small one, while fresh cod have also felt the effects of present conditions and also advanced.

This morning the fare of sch. Raymah sold to the H. E. Pinkham Co. at \$4.60 for large salt cod and \$4.10 for medium salt cod, a raise of five cents on the latter while the fresh cod brought \$2.50 for large and \$2 for mediums, a raise of 10 cents on the large.

This morning also, the fare of sch. Hattie A. Heckman, a salt bank dory handliner, with 60,000 pounds of fish, was put on the market and secured by the Gloucester Salt Fish Company at \$5 for large and \$4.50 for medium cod, which is an advance of 25 cents per hundred weight on both large and mediums over last sales.

It is difficult to diagnose the present condition of the market here on home vessels with trips offered to bids, but events of yesterday and this morning show that the market is very strong and with an upward tendency.

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Mackerel Notes.

The fare of fresh mackerel which sch. Little Fannie has at Boston today was taken late yesterday afternoon well inside the whistling buoy off Eastern Point.

Sch. Arthur James also got a haul at the same time and was looked for at market this morning, but it is probable that she salted what she took.

Sales of Shack Fish.

The fare of fresh fish of sch. Gov. Foss sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company at the going price.

The fares of fresh fish of schs. Gladys and Nellie, Jeanette, Sadie M. Nunan and the salt and fresh catch of sch. Ellen C. Burke sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Lucinda I. Lowell, Mabel D. Hines and Senator Gardner were at Canso, N. S., Monday. The Lowell cleared for Liverpool, as also did sch. Rex reported there several days ago.

Schs. Agnes and Rex were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday.

Skipper Will Change.

The big gasoline auxiliary knockabout sch. Benjamin A. Smith will now haul up for a while for repairs to her engine, and her skipper, Capt. George Hodsdon, will fit sch. Mooween for shacking.

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COULD NOT TAKE FISH.

Sch. Arbutus Paid \$100 Fine Before Being Released.

The Sydney Post says that sch. Arbutus, which was seized at Louisburg, C. B., recently paid a fine of \$100 and was released but was not allowed to bring the fish which had been purchased, to this port.

Drop in Halibut Price.

The fare of halibut of sch. Preceptor sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for medium gray and 3 cents for large gray.

This is a big drop from last sales of 10 cents for white and 8 cents for gray, the prices of Tuesday, on which day also Portland paid 11 cents for white and 9 cents for gray. The drop indicates increased receipts at Yarmouth, N. S., where considerable halibut is being landed of late and a 40,000 pound fare was reported on Tuesday, and also large consignments of Pacific fish at both Boston and New York.